Examination of reports on expenditure reforms

2940. SHRI C. P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be plesed to state:

(a) whether Government examined the Sixth and Tenth report of the K.P. Geethakrishnan Committee on expenditure reforms;

(b) if so, the action proposed by Government on the recommendation made in these reports;

(c) whether Government propose to lower down the retirement age of the Central Government employees as recommended in the tenth report;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

The MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (e) Sixth and Tenth report of K.P. Geethakrishnan Committee contain recommedations specific to certain Ministries/Departments, including lowering down the retirement age of Central Government employees. These recommendations have been forwarded to the concerned Ministries/ Departments.

Winding up of foreign Banks

†2941. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to the strict directions of Reserve Bank of India most of the foreign banks are winding up;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the likely impact of the same on our economy; and

(d) whether this will also affect the Indian Banks at international level and mark our economic conditions pitiable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Amendment in Banking Regulation Act, 1949

2942. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be plesed to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering a proposal to amend the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 so that the regulation and supervision of urban cooperative banks may be vested exclusively with the Reserve Bank of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore; and

(c) by when proposed amendment is likely to be put in place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) Many expert Committees have recommended that in order to strengthen Co-operative Banks, it is essential to bring their banking activities totally under supervision of Reserve Bank of India and remove the dual control of State Governments and Reserve Bank of India. Government of India is holding consultation with State Governments and trying to persuade them to make necessary amendments in the State Co-operative Acts.

Diversion of loan corporate houses

2943. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that loans obtained by some corporate houses from financial institutions had not been used for the purposes they were taken and large sums of money were either siphoned out or diverted;

(b) whether due to siphoning or diversion of funds many of the projects for which loans were taken by these corporate houses either remain incomplete or became sick units;

(c) whether on becoming sick, financial institutions granted and